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Designating the week of October 18, 1987, through October 24, 1987, as "Benign Essential Blepharospasm Awareness Week".

Whereas benign essential blepharospasm is a little known eye-related disease, causing involuntary and usually uncontrollable spastic contraction of muscles around the eyes;

Whereas approximately 25,000 to 30,000 Americans are afflicted with blepharospasm, which is progressive and ultimately causes functional blindness;

Whereas the Benign Essential Blepharospasm Research Foundation, Incorporated, was begun with the purpose of finding the cause and a successful cure for benign essential blepharospasm;

Whereas this important foundation sponsors programs and activities to create an awareness of blepharospasm in the medical community as well as in the general public, organizes support groups throughout the country to encourage communication among persons with the disease, and it seeks to raise money through public and private contributions to be used for research;

Whereas research scientists from around the country are extremely interested in research on this little known malady and are submitting grant applications to the National Institutes of Health to study benign essential blepharospasm; and

Whereas increased public awareness of the disease and its victims will be a tremendous benefit to the victims of this disease and will lead to increased medical research and awareness, as well as available information and advice for those afflicted with benign essential blepharospasm: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of October 18, 1987, through October 24, 1987, is hereby designated as "Benign Essential Blepharospasm Awareness Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved September 28, 1987.

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